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"And the day soon cometh that your mortal must put on immortality, and these bodies which are now moldering in corruption must soon become incorruptible bodies; and then ye must stand before the judgment-seat of Christ, to be judged according to your works; and if it so be that ye are righteous, then are ye blessed with your fathers who have gone before you." BOOK OF MORMON, MORMON 6: 21.

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THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT*

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

I REJOICE in this very splendid and magnificent conference. I was greatly impressed with the testimonies that were borne this morning, in the Assembly Hall, and with the sincerity, the honesty and the inspiration that accompanied those testimonies, bearing witness to the hearts of those present that the young people were speaking with the light, the knowledge and intelligence that come from God.

I wish to bear witness to you of the truthfulness of the statement that there are two powers working within us—one that teaches us not to pray, and one that teaches us to pray; one that discourages faith in God our Father, and one that teaches us to seek Him daily for the light, the inspiration and the guidance of His Spirit. I have been thoroughly pleased with all that I have heard during this conference. I pray God's choicest blessings to be upon all of the officers of these Associations—the Mutual Improvement and Primary Associations—general, stake and ward.

TENS OF THOUSANDS HAVE RECEIVED THE WITNESS

I rejoice exceedingly in the testimony that God gives to our young people regarding the divinity of the work in which we are

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engaged. We have been reminded of the vision of Joseph Smith, wherein he saw God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. The disbelief of all the world cannot change that fact, if it is a fact; and God has seen fit to give the witness of the Spirit to thousands and tens of thousands of men and women, in all parts of the wide world, that this vision was true, that Joseph Smith did in very deed see God, who introduced to him His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who gave him instruction. Thousands and tens of thousands have received the witness of the Spirit to their spirits, the eternal and everlasting part of them, that Joseph Smith was and is a prophet of the true and the living God. I am convinced, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that if this Church—the words "of Latter-day Saints" being used to distinguish us from the former-day Saints—were not true, that our missionary experiences, our very labours in teaching the scriptures to our young people, would destroy the Church.

THE FAITH OF YOUNG MISSIONARIES UNSHAKEN

The very intelligence that our young men and young women have, as they go out into the world to proclaim the Gospel, their honesty, their prayerfulness, their desire to be directed by God, would lead them away from this Church, and our very missionary organization would destroy the Church, if it were not true. On the other hand, the Church being true, the missionary organization has become a great, living, moving force of the Church. It is remarkable that boys and girls can go out into the world, come in contact with all the wisdom, learning, knowledge, intelligence and schooling of those who have educated themselves for the ministry, and yet return with their faith unshaken. I know of no single missionary, of all my acquaintance, who has ever returned with the conviction that this work is not true. Prayerful and humble they have been, seeking after truth, yet not one of them comes home to announce that he or she has found that some other church has in very deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the plan of life and salvation. But I have known young men by the score who have gone out into the world, saying: I do not know that this Gospel is true; I believe it with all my heart; I believe in the testimony of my father and my mother, than whom no finer man or woman ever lived, and I am going to learn more if I can regarding the divinity of this work—and they have returned, almost without exception, firmly established in that testimony.

RETURNED WITH SPIRIT AND POWER

Some may have returned without gaining a testimony, but none have returned to testify that they have found the truth in some other land. On the contrary, they have come home with a spirit, with a power, with an inspiration of testimony, that has

thrilled the hearts of Latter-day Saints, and that has caused their parents to shed tears of gratitude because God has planted in the hearts of their children the same light, the same knowledge, the same testimony, that they had, the same that caused them to send their children forth into the missionary field. I shall never forget the joy that came to the heart of Wilford Woodruff, as his son, Owen, standing where I am standing, delivered a sermon upon his return from Germany. As I saw the tears rolling down his cheeks I realized the great joy that President Wilford Woodruff felt in having a son who had received the same light, the same knowledge, the same testimony to the eternal part of him, namely, the spirit within, that he, Wilford Woodruff, possessed.

MORONI'S ADMONITION

I rejoice in the testimonies of the Latter-day Saints. I rejoice in the growth of all those who seek God and live righteous lives. I rejoice in the hundreds and thousands and the tens of thousands who have received the witness of the Spirit regarding the divinity of the Book of Mormon. I rejoice that men all over the world, after following the advice contained in the last chapter of the Book of Mormon, have been able to bear witness regarding the divinity of this work:

> And I seal up these records, after I have spoken a few words by way of exhortation unto you.
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> Behold, I would exhort you that when ye shall read these things, if it be wisdom in God that ye should read them, that ye would remember how merciful the Lord hath been unto the children of men, from the creation of Adam even down until the time that ye shall receive these things, and ponder it in your hearts.
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> And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost.

TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES

Not one, not one hundred, not ten thousand, but tens of thousands of people, all over the world, have put that promise to the test, and God has seen fit to give to them, by the Holy Ghost, a knowledge of the divinity of that record. Men say that the record is a fraud. We have the testimony of three witnesses that an angel of God came down and showed them the plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated, and that the voice of God bore witness to them that it had been translated by the gift and power of God. They were commanded of the Lord to bear that witness, and they did bear that witness to the day of their death, notwithstanding two were excommunicated

from the Church. All the disbelief of all the world cannot change that testimony, if it is true; and you believe that it is true; I believe that it is true.

Eight men handled the plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated, and they gave their testimony that Joseph Smith had those plates, which had the appearance of gold, that they hefted the plates and that the engravings upon them were of curious workmanship. The disbelief of the world cannot change that fact, if it is a fact; and you and I believe that it is a fact. I am at the defiance of the world to find one word, from cover to cover, in the Book of Mormon, that is not corroborative of the teachings of the inspired servants of God as contained in the Old and New Testaments. I am at the defiance of the world to find anything in that book, from cover to cover, that is not for the uplifting of mankind. It is full of advice and counsel, and the testimony of Jesus Christ, that are uplifting in character. The very teachings that are in it are calculated to benefit those who read the book. I rejoice in having read it, prayerfully, as a child, reading twenty-five pages a day. Sometimes I became interested and read more, but I determined to read it through carefully and prayerfully and to seek God while doing it for the inspiration of His Spirit. From the time that I read it, as a young boy, to this day, there has never been one doubt in my mind regarding that book being exactly what it purports to be, and that the characters therein referred to were actual living characters.

POWERFUL INFLUENCE OF THE BOOK OF MORMON

The idea that man would write the things that are in that book, as a novel to sell to people, is as absurd as anything can be. Do you imagine that a man would write such a book for the novel-reading public? Therein it says: "O that I were an angel, and could have the wish of mine heart, that I might go forth and speak with the trump of God, with a voice to shake the earth, and cry repentance unto every people!" Think of the wonderful teachings that are in Second Nephi, regarding the divinity of the mission of the Saviour. Would anyone write that, hoping to sell it as a novel? Why the book itself, as Colonel R. M. Bryce Thomas says in his very splendid pamphlet "My Reasons for Leaving the Church of England and Joining the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints", is the strongest evidence of its truthfulness and of its divine authenticity; and it is the greatest missionary force in all the Church. Do you mean to tell me that reading the life of a fictitious character would make an impression upon the soul of a person that would be the guiding star of his life? I want you to know that Nephi has had more influence in guiding my life, from childhood to this day, than any other man that ever lived, anciently or in modern times, save only our

Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I fell in love with that man of God, that man who never murmured, who never complained, but who accepted the providences of God, almost in life or death, joy or sorrow, and who laid down the rule that I wish every Latter-day Saint would have engraven upon his heart:

I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them.

This filled his father's heart with joy, and you know that Nephi went forth and secured the plates from Laban, known as the brass plates; and you know that when Nephi's brothers complained and wanted to desert the mission that their father had sent them forward to perform, because of a manifestation, a dream from God, Nephi said that he would not go down unto his father's tent in the wilderness until they had accomplished the thing which the Lord had required; and then they went up again. "Let us be faithful", he said, "in keeping the commandments of the Lord."

LASTING IMPRESSION BY PRAYERFUL READING

They were first driven out, and the servants of Laban sought to take the life of Nephi and his brothers; but Nephi was finally successful. He had no doubt that he would succeed in obtaining those plates. I wish to bear witness to you here to-day that that man of God, a prophet, the leader of his people, has been an inspiration to me more than any other single character, with the exception that I stated. I thank the Lord that I fell in love with Nephi, and I am absolutely convinced that any young man and young woman who will read the Book of Mormon, prayerfully, and will read the thirty-sixth chapter of Alma, containing the wonderful teachings Alma gave to his son, Helaman, will have a lasting impression made upon them, and they will know that the Book of Mormon is exactly what it purports to be. Here are the teachings of a father to a son, trying to encourage that son to lead a life of unselfishness, a godlike life. The book is worth its weight in gold to any person who gets the inspiration that it is in very deed what it purports to be.

LIVE GODLIKE LIVES—SEEK FOR TESTIMONIES

God bless each and every one of those connected with the Mutual Improvement Associations; may each and every one of us realize that we have in very deed the truth. I want to say to the youth of Zion: Do not announce that you have not a testimony of the divinity of the work in which we are engaged. Keep that to yourself, if you do not have it. Live a godlike life and seek for that testimony. Read not only the Book of Mormon,

but the Doctrine and Covenants; read that wonderful testimony which I have repeated more times than anything else in all my public discourses—the testimony of the Prophet Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon:

And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives!

For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—

That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God.

Remember that. Remember that wonderful testimony. All the disbelief of the world cannot change that testimony that Sidney Rigdon and Joseph Smith saw God. I have no doubt that they did see Him. I bear witness to you here to-day that God has given to me a knowledge regarding the divinity of this work in which we are engaged. I know that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the true and living God, and that this Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, that you and I have embraced, will mean, if we live it, eternal, everlasting life to all of us in the presence of God and our Redeemer.

OBEDIENCE IS ESSENTIAL

That God will help you and me to live our religion, to shun the sins of this world, to obey the words of wisdom, to be honest tithe-payers, to seek God morning and night for the guidance of His Spirit and His protecting care over us, to attend our meetings and partake of the sacrament in remembrance of the body and blood of our Saviour and Redeemer, is my earnest prayer. I promise you that any young man or woman who does these things will grow in faith, and the adversary will never have power to overcome him or wipe out his testimony of the divinity of the work in which you and I are engaged; but if you get away from that straight and narrow path of duty, one side or the other, the adversary will have power over you, because you are departing from the path that leads back into the presence of God. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." All the testimonies in all the world will not save you or me, only as we keep the commandments of the living God. No mortal man in this day ever had more wonderful manifestations than did Oliver Cowdery. Oliver Cowdery conversed with the Saviour; Oliver Cowdery saw the Saviour in the Kirtland Temple; John the Baptist laid his hands upon the head of Oliver Cowdery, ordaining him to the Aaronic Priesthood; Peter, James and John, the Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ, laid their hands upon the head of Oliver Cowdery and ordained him to the Melchizedek Priesthood. And yet, notwithstanding

all these wonderful experiences, that man turned away from the truth. Why? Because he failed to keep the commandments of God. I rejoice that he repented and returned to the Church prior to his death. Odedience is what counts.

That God may help you and me and every soul to be obedient and faithful in keeping His commandments, so that we can go back into His presence and meet our loved ones who have gone before, is my prayer, and I ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE NORWICH CONFERENCE

THE FALL CONFERENCE of the Norwich District was held in the attractive chapel at 60 Park Lane, Norwich, on Sunday, October 2nd, and included three well-attended general sessions, and other meetings, to which many members and friends from the extensive Norfolk and Suffolk area gathered. Sister May Booth Talmage and Elder Richard L. Evans from the headquarters of the European Mission in Liverpool were present, as also were President Alexander J. Bryan and the nine missionaries of the District.

"Gospel Dispensations" was the theme of the morning assembly, and was developed with interest through well-prepared essays, which were presented by children and adult members of the branches. Those who participated were: Leslie Coleby, Doris Burrell, Norman Browne, Dorothy Drew, Norman Barker, Elsie Tuttle, Elder Earle R. Webb, Violet Coleby, Clara Platten, Elsie Willmott, Mabel Moyses and Frank Coleby. These showed by citations from both ancient and modern scripture that there have been many dispensations during which the Gospel has been upon the earth, each of which has been opened by a prophet of God who stood at the head, and through whom was restored the power and authority lost because of the wickedness, unbelief and ignorance of men. Among those who have headed dispensations have been Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Moses, and Joseph Smith, who was the instrument in the hands of God in ushering in the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times, and who occupies a position similar to these worthy men of olden times. It was pointed out that the fulness of the Gospel has been restored in our day, and that by abiding by its requirements all mankind may receive salvation and exaltation in the kingdom of heaven.

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DON'T waste life in doubts and fears; spend yourself on the work before you, well assured that the right performance of this hour's duties will be the best preparation for the hours or ages that follow it.—EMERSON.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR

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EDITORIAL

THE FATHER AND THE SON ARE DISTINCT

We have scriptural authority for the assertion that Jesus Christ was invested with the powers and dignity of Godship prior to His birth in the flesh. Under the Father's direction He brought about the creation of the world, and is therefore called the Creator. He revealed the Father's will and gave commandment to Adam, Enoch and other antediluvial patriarchs as well as to later prophets. We affirm that Jesus Christ was and is Jehovah.

The name Elohim is of frequent occurrence in the Hebrew text of the Old Testament, though not found in our English version. In form the word is a Hebrew plural noun; but it connotes the plurality of excellence or intensity, rather than distinctively of number. It is expressive of supreme exaltation and power. Elohim, as understood and used in the restored Church of Jesus Christ, is the name-title of God the Eternal Father, whose firstborn Son in the spirit is Jehovah—the Only Begotten in the flesh, Jesus Christ.

A general consideration of scriptural evidence leads to the conclusion that God the Eternal Father has manifested Himself to earthly prophets or revelators on but few occasions, and then principally to attest the divine authority of His Son, Jesus Christ. Unto Adam and later prophets the Father spake, affirming the Godship of the Christ and the fact that the Son was the foreappointed Saviour of mankind. See Pearl of Great Price, Moses 1: 6; 6: 57, 59; etc.

On the occasion of our Lord's baptism in Jordan, the Father's voice was heard saying:

> This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.—Matt. 3: 17.

At the transfiguration, a similar testimony was given by the Father. See Matt. 17: 5. What follows occurred on an occasion yet later, while Jesus prayed in anguish of soul, submitting Himself that the Father's purposes be fulfilled and the Father's name glorified:

> Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.—John 12: 28.

The resurrected and glorified Christ was announced by the

Father to the Nephites on the Western Continent in these words:

Behold my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name—hear ye him.—Book of Mormon, 3 Nephi 11: 7.

To the Nephites, who failed to comprehend the relation between the Gospel declared unto them by the resurrected Lord and the Law of Moses, which they held traditionally to be in force, and who marveled at the Lord's saying that old things had passed away, He explained in this wise:

Behold, I say unto you that the law is fulfilled that was given unto Moses. Behold, I am he that gave the law, and I am he who covenanted with my people Israel.—3 Nephi 15: 4, 5.

From the time of the Father's attestation of the Son, Jesus Christ, to the Nephites, the voice of the Father was not heard again among men, so far as the scriptures aver, until the spring of 1820, when both the Father and the Son ministered unto the Prophet Joseph Smith, the Father thus proclaiming the Christ: "This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!"—Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith 2: 17.

These are instances of record in which the Eternal Father has been manifest in personal utterance or other revelation to man apart from the Son. God the Creator, the Jehovah of Israel, the Saviour and Redeemer of all nations, kindreds and tongues, are the same, and He is Jesus the Christ.

He it is who has made possible salvation unto man through compliance with the laws and ordinances of the Gospel as prescribed by Himself. He it is who has decreed that without such compliance no man can have place in the kingdom of God.

He it is who took upon Himself mortal flesh, and was born of woman, to live amongst mankind as their foreordained Redeemer.

He it is who so far atoned for Adam's transgression as to render temporary the inherited penalty of individual death; and this He accomplished by laying down His life and taking it up again, thus breaking the otherwise unending power of death.

He it is who, in anguish of body and spirit, remembered the place He had held in the primeval estate, and, knowing His mortal existence was nearing its close, thus prayed:

And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.—John 17: 5.

He it is who ascended to the Father, and took the place He had won on the right hand of Power.

He it is who shall soon return to earth, attended by the glorious company of angels and saints to inaugurate the Millennium of peace.

He it is who, eventually, shall bring to consummation the Father's plan for effecting "the immortality and eternal life of

man"; and "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father."—1 Cor. 15: 24.

Then shall he be crowned with the crown of his glory, to sit on the throne of his power to reign forever and ever.—Doctrine and Covenants 76: 108.

J. E. T.

IN EASTERN EUROPE

CONTINUING the tour of visitation through the continental countries, the President of the European Mission and the writer of these lines arrived in Königsberg on September 17th, 1927. In the evening of that day the appointed conference of the Königsberg District opened with a great gathering in the splendid hall of the public school building on Jagerhof Strasse. President James E. Talmage delivered an address dealing with the testimony of the ancient Apostles and other Saints to the divinity of Jesus Christ. Elder Russell G. Cranney translated the remarks from English into German. The three conference meetings of the following day, Sunday, were held in the spacious hall of the Löbenicht Realgymnasium. At the morning meeting, in which an inspiring program was given by the Sunday School classes, the President discoursed on the preexistence of spirits, and the relative ages of spirit and body. President Hyrum W. Valentine translated.

The attendance ran between four hundred fifty and five hundred. At the afternoon meeting, attended by approximately four hundred, addresses were given by several missionaries of the District and by the visiting Presidents. In the evening nearly or quite five hundred were present. President Talmage spoke forcefully on "Truth Invincible." The great congregation was deeply stirred by the fervour of the speaker's testimony. President Valentine followed with a strong call to faith and repentance, which principles constitute the basis of all true religion. On Monday the missionaries met, and each of the seventeen Traveling Elders of the Königsberg District reported in detail. Encouraging comment, coupled with advice and specific instruction, was voiced by the Presidents. As an aim in future effort, the following was given: Do your best, and make your best better!

On Monday, September 19th, an evening meeting was held in Elbing, at which President Talmage spoke on: "The Sheep Know the Voice of the Shepherd!" President Kenneth O. Lindquist of the Königsberg District translated. President Valentine gave an address dealing with the "Power of the Gospel."

The next evening found the visiting officials at Danzig, the historic city now constituting the "Free State Danzig." Discourses were delivered by Presidents Lindquist, Valentine and

Talmage. The last named dwelt effectively on the inherent force or power of obedience. This meeting was attended by one hundred and ten.

On September 21st the visitors proceeded to Stettin, crossing the "Polish Corridor" on the way. The two hundred and eighty-five members and friends who assembled that evening, in the Stettin Branch, were thrilled by the testimonies of the speakers regarding the Book of Mormon, its divinely-appointed coming forth, and the century test of its genuineness.

At Breslau on the evening of September 22nd the one-hundredth anniversary of the committal of the Book of Mormon plates to Joseph Smith for translation was fittingly celebrated in pageantry, speech, song and story. A missionary quartet, comprising Elders Milton W. Walker, Charles T. Francis, Gordon B. Summerhays and Rulon R. Fairbourn, contributed several numbers, all relating to the event of a century ago this day. There were four hundred and twenty-six present, these including many inquirers not of the Church. The testimonies of Presidents Talmage and Valentine were impressively fervent; and the Saints knew that the speakers had been led by the power of the Holy Ghost. The missionary meeting of the following morning brought forth positive testimonies from all the fifteen Elders of the Breslau District, who gave encouraging reports of work done, ideals cherished, and confident hope and determination. Timely instructions were given by Presidents Valentine and Talmage; the latter closed by emphasizing: Local men for local work, and the missionaries for a traveling ministry, to visit, preach and organize.

Sunday, September 25th, was conference day in Vienna, Austria. The meetings were held in the lecture room of the Volksheim. At the forenoon session an appropriate program was presented by the Sunday School, following which the visiting brethren spoke. President Talmage explained the kind of education required for admission to the kingdom of heaven. Our eighty-two-year old brother, Elder Thomas Biesinger, now filling his fourth mission, translated for the speaker. The principal theme of the afternoon was that embodied in the Lord's declaration that He cannot look upon sin with any degree of allowance and the effective distinction between sin and the sinner. This was treated by President Talmage with President Valentine translating. The evening meeting was especially well attended by investigators; and a most impressive spirit of testimony prevailed with respect to the coming forth of the Book of Mormon as an event of world-importance. This was treated by the visiting brethren; and inspiring addresses were given by several of the missionaries. During the missionary meeting of Monday, September 26th, reports and testimonies were heard from the eight Elders labouring in the Vienna District, and counsel suited to the conditions of this country was given by the presiding brethren.

President Talmage's visits in the German-Austrian Mission have been inspiring to all our workers, and are thoroughly appreciated.

HYRUM W. VALENTINE,
President of the German-Austrian Mission

Vienna Austria, September 27th, 1927.

ON THE CANALS OF HOLLAND

AND this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.—Matt. 24: 14.

Holland is a country of many canals, streams and lakes; and to the visitor it is very interesting to see these water-ways crowded with boats, both large and small, carrying their cargoes from place to place. On the sea and along the lake-shores numerous fishing boats are to be seen—the fishermen making and repairing their nets, or casting for a catch.

Viewing such a picture, the student of the Bible frequently turns his thoughts to the past, to the days when the Master walked along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, and, finding certain fishermen casting their nets, commanded them to follow Him, saying: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." These honest-hearted fishermen, complying with the Saviour's call, from that time on became indeed "fishers of men" and used their boats in the Master's service. As they followed Him in His loving ministry, He taught them to heal the sick, unstop the ears of the deaf, open the eyes of the blind and loose the unspeaking tongues of the dumb, and everywhere to declare the gospel message to the children of our Father in heaven. So it is in these days—men have received the call of the Master "follow me," and they have responded willingly, doing so with gladness in their souls for the privilege of serving and going when and wherever they are called.

For many years the Gospel has been preached unto the people of the larger cities of Holland. Frequent attempts, with some degree of success, have been made to carry the gospel message to the people dwelling in the country and outlying villages, yet the Mission was in need of some means whereby, without too much expense, the missionaries would be enabled to make extended visits to these regions, in order that they might more fully expound the truths of the Gospel, that the people might better understand the principles of our Father's plan of life and salvation.

After thoroughly studying the situation, and taking into consideration the conditions existing in the water-country, the Mission President, together with Elder Francis H. Gunnell, Presi-

dent of the Utrecht District, worked out the following way of reaching the country people. A small motor-boat was purchased, on which it is possible to give lodging to four missionaries. The cost of the boat, fully equipped, was $224.80 (about £46), which amount was contributed partly by the resident members and the missionaries in the Utrecht District and partly by the Mission office. Under the direction of the Mission President, Elders Francis H. Gunnell, Ray J. Hutchinson and John H. McLaren, Jr., were appointed to take charge of the boat expedition.

On the 12th of July, 1927, this little party sailed from Zutphen, a city situated on the Ysel River, in the eastern part of Holland. After traveling about eight hours the boat's motor stopped, thus causing a forced landing; but this circumstance proved to be a blessing for the new undertaking. A family that became most friendly to the missionaries lived but a short distance from where the boat moored. These people sent good tidings throughout the entire region, making known that missionaries, servants of God, had come to preach the true Gospel in the same manner as was done by our Lord and Saviour hundreds of years ago.

The work done by these boat missionaries of to-day includes the distributing of tracts and lending small books to the people, who are, in turn, given the opportunity of inviting the Elders to return and explain the purpose of their mission and their valuable message. By this means these missionaries laboring on the boat have been successful in finding many seekers after the truth. During the first month of this work sixty-nine friends, who afterwards became earnest investigators, were found. Much of this success is attributable to the determined efforts of the missionaries engaged in this old-time method of spreading the word under the inspiration and direction of the Spirit of the Lord. Other duties have now called District President Gunnell and Elder Hutchinson away from this work, and Elders Ralph Dale Snow and John H. Millburn have been assigned to take their places.

Our humble prayer is that this little boat may sail the canals in this section of the country until every one of our Father's children here residing shall have heard the cry of repentance and shall have been thoroughly informed of what the Lord has wrought in these latter days. Our constant appeal to the Lord is: Father, bless these ambassadors, who have been called and clothed with the same authority as were the fishermen of Galilee, sent out by the Master Himself. Comfort, guide and protect them, and inspire them with a love that is deep, in their search for the honest in heart, that they may bring many souls unto Thee.

JOHN P. LILLYWHITE,
President of the Netherlands Mission

Rotterdam, Holland, September 29th, 1927.

THE NORWICH CONFERENCE

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Sister Talmage brought the greetings and blessing of President Talmage, who was absent because of duties which called him to Syria; she also expressed her appreciation for the Gospel, and for the blessings that come by living in accordance with its teachings, stating that recent experiences on the Continent had brought to her a realization greater than ever before of the contrast that exists between the true word of the Lord and the superstitions and beliefs of man-made creeds. Elder Richard L. Evans declared that the Gospel and the authority to act in the name of God had been lost at each previous time because of the contentions and jealousies and wickedness of men, but in this day it has been restored never again to be cast down.

From the statistical report covering the past six months, which was read by President Alexander J. Bryan in the afternoon meeting, the following data are taken: Residing in the District are 172 members of the Church; Norwich and Lowestoft are the two fully organized branches. The missionaries have spent a large part of their time in the rural sections, and have devoted 2,852 hours to tracting, distributing 49,955 tracts, 3,931 pamphlets, 24 copies of the Book of Mormon, and 29 other books. They have engaged in 6,912 gospel conversations, have made 729 visits to homes of investigators while not tracting, and have canvassed 170 towns and villages. In his following remarks President Bryan recounted the manner in which the Saviour chose His Apostles during His earthly ministry; and he made an appeal to the members of the Church to render service as missionaries among the people with whom they come in contact from day to day.

Following the sustaining of the General Authorities of the Church and the officers of the Mission, Elder H. Kenneth Brown called to mind the plight of the people who lived in the days of Noah, and admonished those present to prepare for the judgments to come. Joseph Smith rendered service to all mankind in giving to the world this Gospel of the Kingdom, declared Elder John F. Whitmore. Elder Horald G. Clark averred that such men as Columbus and Luther were inspired of the Lord to undertake the arduous work they accomplished, and that in like manner Joseph Smith was inspired to seek the Lord in prayer. We must live in harmony with the commandments of God, and shun the evil works of Satan; the servants of the Lord must have authority delegated from on high, otherwise their acts will be of no effect—these were among the truths set forth by Elder Albert Brain. Compliance with the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel, love and forgiveness for one another—these are essential for entrance into the kingdom of heaven, stated Sister Annie E. Brain. As our individual acts affect our lives, just so do our

lives and actions reflect upon our homes and our Church, declared Elder James S. Chadwick. Pray always for guidance and wisdom, was the warning note sounded by Elder Earle R. Webb.

In the opening address of the evening meeting Elder Will B. Jex testified of the divine authenticity and completeness of the Book of Mormon, calling to mind that it bears witness of the Christ; and he bore testimony of the divinity of this latter-day work. Elder Theodore N. Hutchings stated that the true Church of Christ has always borne persecution. He cited some of the prophetic utterances of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and the fulfilment thereof.

Sister Talmage declared that no other church in the world offers the opportunity for progression that is found within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. All the wealth of the world cannot buy salvation for us, she stated. The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life eternal, was the thought she left impressed upon those there assembled. Elder Evans stressed the widely-known fact that missionaries of this Church do not claim to be preachers, but merely humble servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. Countless people to-day deny the divinity of the Saviour and the reality of Satan, but both are facts, nevertheless, as the scriptures testify. He closed by bearing testimony to the divinity of Jesus Christ, the divine mission of Joseph Smith, and the personal attributes of God our Father.

Music rendered during the conference included vocal solos by Sister Violet Shepherd, Elder H. Kenneth Brown, and also Sister Leila Cutler of Salt Lake City. The spirited congregational singing was one of the pleasing and inspiring features of the proceedings. Meetings of the Priesthood, of the Relief Societies, and a Union meeting of all branch officers and workers in the auxiliaries, were held during the day. A missionary meeting followed the evening session of the conference.

H. KENNETH BROWN, District Clerk

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Transfer: Elder Norval G. Taylor has been transferred from the Hull to the Welsh District.

Branch Conference: Of the Carlisle Branch, Newcastle District, on September 25th. "The Thirteenth Article of Faith" was the theme discussed by members of the Sunday School in the morning session.

Doings in the Districts: *London*—The missionaries of the London District convened in a monthly report meeting on October 1st. Elder Ralph J. Pugh of London was the special guest at a luncheon served after the meeting. Brother Pugh led a round-table discussion on the subject of "Tact."

Norwich—A Harvest Festival was held in the Norwich Branch on September 26th. Fruit contributed by the members was sold, and the proceeds were given to the Norwich Hospital. A District social was held in Norwich on October 1st, prior to the conference.

Nottingham—A Harvest Festival was held in the hall of the Leicester Branch on September 26th. The place of gathering was decorated with displays characteristic of the harvest season.

DEATHS

MacInnes—Sister Clara MacInnes, of Ipswich, Norwich District, died on September 27th, at the age of sixty-six. Sister MacInnes has been a member of the Church for twelve years.

Mealy—The infant son of Sister Esther Mealy, of the South Shields Branch, Newcastle District, passed away on September 23rd. Funeral services were held at the family residence on September 26th, under the direction of Elder Eugene R. Budge. Elder Charles C. Hill and Elder Budge spoke; Elder Hill dedicated the grave.

Metcalfe—Brother Whitaker Metcalfe, an Elder of the Pudsey Branch, Leeds District, passed away on September 25th, at the age of fifty-two. Brother Metcalfe had been a faithful and energetic worker in the Church since his baptism in 1903, serving as President of the Pudsey Branch for a number of years, and acting in many other capacities. Funeral services were held at the family residence on September 28th, under the direction of President Elmer O. Zollinger. Elder Morris D. Ogden and President Zollinger were the speakers. Elder H. Gardell Jacobson dedicated the grave.

Pring—Brother Walter Pring, an Elder of the Belfast Branch, Ulster District, died on September 26th, at the age of eighty years. Brother Pring had been an active member of the Church since 1886, being President of the Belfast Branch during the Great War, and also filling many other positions, always responding enthusiastically when called into the service of the Lord. He has laboured zealously as a missionary among his fellow-countrymen, carrying on the work at times when there were no Traveling Elders in the District. Funeral services were held at his home on September 29th, under the direction of President Kendall D. Garff, who also dedicated the grave. Elder N. Glenn Stanford and President Garff were the speakers.

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